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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6201

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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KUWAIT POUCH TO BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (STEVENSON, ADLAI E.) SY

SUBJ: CODEL STEVENSON

REF A. JIDDA 0885 (NOTAL) B. DAMASCUS 0666 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH SARG MFA/PROTOCOL OFFICER, TENTATIVE CODEL SCHEDULE SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS:

A. FEB 15, SUNDAY:

0945 ETA FROM JIDDA VIA RB 384 (SARG PROTOCOL PRIMISED TO PUSH FROM THIS END WITH SYRIAN ARAB AIR LINES FOR TWO SEATS ON THIS FLIGHT; IF UNSUCCESSFUL, WE WARMLY WELCOME CODEL FEB 14 ARRIVAL VIA SV 932 FROM RIYADH, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE DAMASCUS AT 1700 PER REF A; JIDDA PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST OF WHICH FLIGHT).

1045 ARRIVE AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, IN-HOUSE BRIEFING AND LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR, DCM, DAO AND ECON UNTIL 1400.

1400-1800: CULTURAL FAMILIARIZATION IN DAMASCUS (WITH CONTROL OFFICER AND CAR RADIO IN CASE APPOINTMENT CALL COMES FROM PRESIDENCY).

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1800-2000: REST AT RESIDENCE.

2000: INFORMAL BUFFET AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS MURPHY; SYRIANS INVITED INCLUDE THOSE IN POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AREAS.

B. FEB 16, MONDAY:

0900-1300: CALLS BEING ARRANGED BY MFA/PROTOCOL ON DEP. PM FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MOHAMAD HAYDAR, MIN ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE DR MOHAMAD AL-IMADI, AND MIN PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES DR ADNAN MUSTAFA AND SARG MILITARY OFFICER (POSSIBLY MAJ GEN NAJI JAMIL, COMMANDER SYRIAN AIR FORCE, OR MAJ GEN ADNAN TAYYARAH, SENIOR SYRIAN DEL. TO ISRAELI-SYRIAN MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION);

1300-1400: BRIEF FAMILY LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (ALTHOUGH WARM SYRIAN SENSE OF HOSPITALITY MAY REQUIRE LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SARG); AFTERNOON FREE PER SENATOR'S REQUEST (STATE 20495). (MFA/PROTOCOL OFFICER NOTED HE AWARE SENATOR MAY BE HAVING PRIVATELY ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS THAT AFTERNOON.)

1800-1945: REST AT RESIDENCE.

2000: INFORMAL BUFFET DINNER HOSTED BY DCM.

C. FEB 17, TUESDAY:

0800-0900: WORKING BREAKFAST AT RESIDENCE WITH AMBASSADOR, BRITISH AMBASSADOR DAVID ROBERTS AND YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR VOJISLAV PEKIC (KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE ON PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS).

0900-1030: ANY REMAINING APPOINTMENTS WITH SARG OFFICIALS OR PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS; OR SENATOR BRIEFING AND Q AND A'S WITH MEMBERS OF MISSION STAFF WHICH WE ALL FIND IS EXCELLENT MEANS TO BRING STAFF UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S., AND WE HOPE THIS CAN FIT IN SCHEDULE IF SENATOR AGREES.

1030-1330: VISIT TO QUNEITRA ON GOLAN HEIGHTS WITH DAO COL. ANGUS M. MUNDY.
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1330-1500: FAMILY LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE AND BRIEFING EXCHANGE WITH AMBASSADOR.

1530: DEPART RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT; 1610: ARRIVE AIRPORT;
1640: DEPARTURE FOR BAGHDAD VIA EGYPT AIR MS 726.

2. AS NOTED DAMASCUS 539 AND REF. B, IF APPOINTMENT ARRANGED

WITH PRESIDENT ASAD, WE USUALLY GET VERY LITTLE NOTICE. SUCH APPOINTMENTS USUALLY FALL IN LATE AFTERNOON OR EVENING AND SENATOR WOULD HAVE TO DEPART FROM SCHEDULE NOTED ABOVE FOR SUCH APPOINTMENT. THIS IS ANOTHER REASON FOR OUR NOT CONSIDERING SIX-HOUR ROUND TRIP TO EUPHRATES DAM; MFA/PROTOCOL DID NOT RAISE THIS IDEA, NOR DID WE.

3. FOR QUNEITRA VISIT, WE MUST SUBMIT REQUEST, (WHICH IS ALWAYS APPROVED) TO SARG MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE. THEREFORE NEED BOTH SENATOR'S AND BUELL'S PASSPORT INFO SOONEST, AS REQUESTED PARA. 5, DAMASCUS 539.

4. PER CODEL'S WISHES IN STATE 27483 (NOTAL), WE ARE NOT RPT NOT ARRANGING ANY PRESS OPPORTUNITIES OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING VISIT, AND HAVE ALSO SO INFORMED MFA/PROTOCOL.

5. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIPT 19FT510 AUTHORIZATION, PROMISED PARA. 7 STATE 20495, WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED.
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